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AND METHOD)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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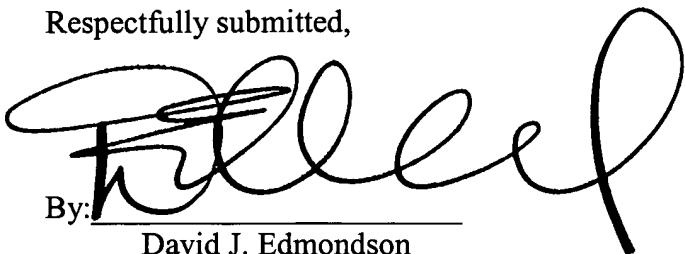
In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 4, 2004, the Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully submit the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Applicants agree that *Kellum* does not expressly disclose a server that can be sacrificed. In fact, the Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references made of record teaches or suggests any such server, either expressly or implicitly. Nor would the inclusion of such a server been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art over any conceivable combination of the references made of record.

Moreover, the Applicants respectfully reiterate their previously expressed position regarding the deficiencies in *Kellum*. To summarize, *Kellum* operates at the signal level, or the

signal level equivalent in a higher level protocol. It performs no interpretation of the signal or data transported on the signal, and relies on a dumb remapping of transport media to achieve its function. Such operation is radically different from that of the present claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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The Applicants, through counsel, hereby submit 4 (four) sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-3 in lieu of the drawings filed originally with this application on November 3, 2000.

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